**JOSHUA AGYEKUM**

Early Childhood Educator | TEFL Certified | M.Ed. Education Technology

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated Early Childhood Educator with M.Ed. in Education Technology and 5+ years of international teaching experience. Award-winning teacher with proven expertise in kindergarten education, STEM learning, and multilingual instruction. Currently based in Oslo, Norway with permanent residence and Norwegian language proficiency (B1-B2). Specialized in play-based learning, educational technology integration, and supporting diverse learners in multicultural environments.

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## KEY QUALIFICATIONS FOR NORWEGIAN POSITIONS

✓ Norwegian Language Certified (B1-B2) - Official Kompetanse Norge Results  
✓ 3+ Years Living & Working in Norway - Cultural Integration Complete  
✓ Kindergarten Experience - Direct experience with young children (ages 2–6)  
✓ TEFL Certified (120 hours, High Distinction) - Multilingual instruction  
✓ Award-Winning Teacher - Best Teacher Award 2019  
✓ Master's Degree in Education Technology - Advanced pedagogical skills  
✓ Valid Work Permit - Ready to start immediately

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**🇳🇴 OPERATIONS ASSOCIATE (Part-Time) | 2024–2025**  
Wolt Market Center, Oslo, Norway  
• Delivered high-quality service to diverse Norwegian customer base  
**KINDERGARTEN FACILITATOR | 2021–2022**  
First Talk EduCare, Changxing, China  
• Teaching English with Jolly Phonics methodology to young children  
• Developed age-appropriate learning activities for kindergarten students  
**STEM EDUCATOR | 2020–2021**ALO7 Education, Ningbo, China  
• Designed interactive STEM lessons using digital tools and virtual classrooms  
• Taught international students with varied learning needs and backgrounds  
**PART-TIME TUTOR | 2018–2019**  
Brainhill International School, Ghana  
• BEST TEACHER AWARD (2019) for excellence in early primary teaching  
• Taught all core subjects to Basic 3 pupils with comprehensive approach  
**TEACHING ASSISTANT | 2018–2019**  
Kaneshie Awudome JHS, Ghana  
• Supported classroom management and daily instructional activities  
• Participated in educational research and documentation projects  
**MATH & SCIENCE TUTOR | 2013–2014**  
Global Access Academy, Ghana  
• Chaired Academic Board and led staff recruitment initiatives  
• Taught STEM subjects to primary students with engaging methodologies

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## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

**🎓 M.Ed. EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY | 2019–2022**  
Huzhou University, China  
• Thesis: Successfully defended master's thesis in Education Technology  
• Verification: <https://www.chsi.com.cn/xlrz/bgcx.jsp?v=12846877-223-F82B0102>

**🎓 MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | 2022–2024**Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Norway  
• Courses: Economy, R Programming & Research Methods  
**🎓 B.Ed. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (First Class Honours) | 2014–2018**University of Education, Winneba, Ghana  
• Research: Use of manipulative tools to improve basic arithmetic  
• Awards: Best Graduating Student, Dean's Award of Excellence, Top 5 Student

## NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

**🇳🇴 KOMPETANSE NORGE - OFFICIAL RESULTS (May 2025)**  
• Listening (Lytteforståelse): B2  
• Reading (Leseforståelse): B1  
• Writing (Skriftlig framstilling): B1  
• Speaking (Muntlig): B1  
<https://app.vitnemalsportalen.no/vp/shared/CB4FE2E65C384FFD9D37D41C780F362A>

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## CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**TEFL CERTIFICATION (120 Hours) - High Distinction**TEFL Professional Development Institute  
Certificate Number: 5259294PE  
Coverage: ESL methods, classroom management, learner diversity  
**Workshops & Conferences:**  
• Ghana National Montessori Conference  
• Jolly Phonics Training  
• Africa's Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs Summit  
• Student Leadership Workshop

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## CORE COMPETENCIES FOR NORWEGIAN EDUCATION

**Early Childhood Education**  
• Play-based learning methodologies  
• Kindergarten classroom management  
• Child observation and assessment  
• Inclusive education strategies  
**Language & Communication**  
• TEFL Certified (120 hours, High Distinction)  
• Norwegian B1-B2 (Official certification)  
• Jolly Phonics methodology  
• Multilingual instruction  
**Educational Technology**  
• M.Ed. Education Technology  
• Digital learning tools and platforms  
• Interactive STEM content creation  
• Virtual classroom management  
**Norwegian Education Values**  
• Outdoor learning appreciation  
• Democratic participation in learning  
• Holistic child development  
• Multilingual support for diverse backgrounds

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## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

**PUBLISHED RESEARCH (2021)**  
International Journal of Management Sciences and Business Research  
• Natural Science & Real Life Learning - Lead Author  
 https://www.ijmsbr.com/publications-of-ijmsbr/article/1737/#abstract  
• STEAM Education Model - Sole Author  
 https://www.ijmsbr.com/publications-of-ijmsbr/article/1728/#abstract  
• Classroom Management & Student Well-being - Co-Author  
 https://www.ijmsbr.com/publications-of-ijmsbr/article/1680/#abstract

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## TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

**Child-Centered Learning Approach:**• Play-Based Learning: Utilizing play as the primary vehicle for learning and development  
• Inclusive Education: Supporting all children regardless of background or learning needs  
• Cultural Sensitivity: Respecting and incorporating diverse cultural perspectives  
• Technology Integration: Using educational technology to enhance learning experiences  
**Norwegian Education Values:**  
• Outdoor Learning: Appreciation for nature-based education and outdoor activities  
• Democratic Participation: Encouraging children's voice and participation in learning  
• Holistic Development: Focus on social, emotional, and cognitive growth  
• Multilingual Support: Supporting children from diverse linguistic backgrounds

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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

🏆 Best Teacher Award (2019) - Brainhill International School  
🎓 First Class Honours - Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)  
⭐ Top 5 Student - Out of 240 students in education cohort  
🏅 Dean's Award of Excellence - University of Education, Winneba  
📜 Multiple Certificates of Honour - Leadership and service

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## AVAILABILITY & WORK STATUS

✅ Immediate Availability - Ready to start position  
✅ Permanent Residence in Norway - No visa requirements  
✅ Valid Work Permit - Full authorization to work